

**REMARKS**

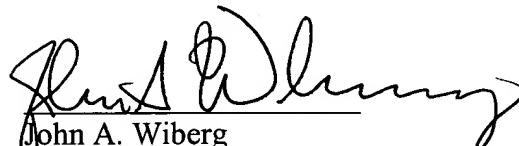
In the Office Action of March 23, 2004, the Examiner required election among group I, claims 1-47, and group 2, claims 48 and 49. Claims 46 and 47 are cancelled herewith. Applicant elects group I, now consisting of claims 1-45.

Applicant requests examination and allowance of claims 1-45.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees required by this submission to the deposit account of McAndrews, Held & Malloy, Account No. 13-0017.

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Respectfully submitted,

  
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